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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, such period shall, by default, expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).

Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 5-18-01
- ☒ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☒ Claim(s) 15-20, 23, 24, 27 & 28 is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-14, 21, 22, 25 & 26 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction or election requirement.

Application Papers

- ☐ S the attached Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948.
- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- ☒ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ received in Application No. (Series Code/Serial Number) _____.
- ☐ received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*Certified copies not received: _____.

Attachment(s)

- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s) 6
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Other _____

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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless --

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 9-14, 22 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being fully met by Franz et al.

The Franz insertable card reads on applicant's extension board and with the first organ reads on applicant's expander and first tone generator. Prescribed elements of musical tones are transferred to execute new functions to another card in another organ or second tone generator. Tone color and effects are transferred.

3. Claims 9, 14 and 26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being fully met by Woron et al.

The Woron specification memory reads on applicant's extension board and with the organ reads on the first tone generator. The different voice or tone color information expands the prescribed elements of musical tones. This information can be stored and executed as new functions.

4. Claims 1-8, 21 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(fully met) as being Franz et al by

The Franz insertable card reads on applicant's extension board. Stored information is readout providing expansion of prescribed elements of musical tones providing new functions

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which are executed. The new functions are actuated by operators and sent to another organ.

Tone color and various other specification effects are provided.

5. Claims 1-8, 21 and 25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being fully met by Woron et al.

The Woron specification memory reads on applicant's extension board. Stored information is readout providing expansion of prescribed elements of musical tones providing new functions which are executed. The new functions are actuated by operators and recorded for later use or sending. Tone color and various other special effects are provided.

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

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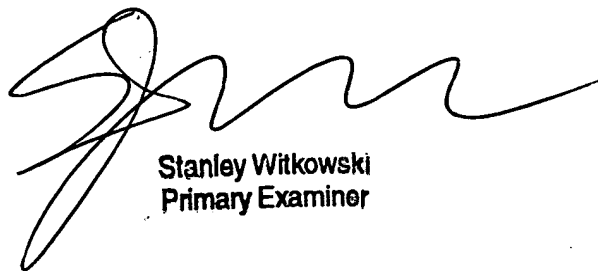
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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication should be directed to Stanley J. Witkowski at telephone number (703) 308-3101.

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